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FOR several years it has been customary for the A. L. A. to designate representatives to attend state library association meetings when this has been requested. In addition to providing such representatives this year, as was mentioned in the November number of the Bulletin, sufficient field work has been done by the Association in the last few weeks, to be of interest.

Invitations were received by the Secretary of the A. L. A. to meet with library organizations in five southern states in December. All of them were accepted, except the invitation from the North Carolina Association, whose dates conflicted with those in Alabama.

At the opening session in Montgomery of the Alabama Library Association, which celebrated the fifth anniversary of its existence this year, the Secretary of the A. L. A. spoke on The library and the community. The second day he was invited by the principal and teachers of the Girls' High School to visit the school, where he spoke on library work as a profession and preparation needed for it. The third day's sessions were held at Auburn, the seat of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, whose handsome new

Carnegie library building was dedicated. The exercises were held in the college chapel and on request of President C. C. Thatch of the Institute, Mr Hadley spoke of the American Library Association and its interest in local library development.

The Chamber of Commerce of Birmingham, Alabama, had requested Mr Hadley to visit that city and hold a meeting in the interest of the Birmingham library, which although supported by subscriptions, loans books free to the people. The secretary of the A. L. A. was the guest of the library trustees and Chamber of Commerce at the Southern Club luncheon, December 3rd. State officers, the Mayor and members of Councils were present, as were representative business and professional men of Birmingham, when the Secretary talked of what a good public library means to the business interests of a city. In the afternoon, he attended a pleasant affair given by the Nineteenth Century Club and spoke briefly of library work. The public meeting held at night was in the Board of Trade building and was largely attended. The Superintendent of Schools presided, and after Mr Hadley's remarks on the place of the public library in the city,